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**February 17, 2017**

***Attention!***

Starting on Friday, February 17 at 7:15 p.m., the MC311 Web portal ([www.mc311.com](http://www.mc311.com)) will not be available till Sunday, February 19 at 12:00 p.m. due to system upgrade. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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**Shop Energy Tax Free on President's Day Weekend  
February 18-20**

Montgomery County (& Maryland) residents can purchase Energy Star Appliances with NO TAX on President's Day weekend. The Department of Environmental Protection's Energy Team will be hosting events throughout the County. For more information, click [here](#) for flyer or go to <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/taxfree/>

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**Live Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett  
Tuesday, February 21 1:00pm-2:00pm**

- [Submit Your Question](#)

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**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, February 27 7:00pm  
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: White Oak Life Sciences Gateway**  
*Guest: Peter Fosselman, OCE re (x7-8416)*

**Topic: Parks Dept. Initiatives**  
*Guest: Alex Girr-Borrayo, Parks Dept.*

*All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!*

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Montgomery College's Spring 2017 Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia



**Guest Speaker: Dwight Watkins, Author**

**Tuesday, February 21** 11:00 AM, Cultural Arts Theatre 1, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus  
**Tuesday, February 21** 7:00 PM, Globe Hall, Germantown Campus

Watkins, a former Baltimore drug dealer, is the author of *A Crack Rock Memoir*, 2016 and *The Beast Side: Living and Dying While Black in America*, 2015. Watkins will discuss *The Beast Side: Living and Dying While Black in America* (2015). With a chapter on Freddie Grey, Watkins asserts that putting down all guns is one answer to the epidemic problem that involves education, jobs, prisons, and health.

The Frank Islam Athenaeum is a free series of presentations offered to the general public.

***No Reservations Required.***

For questions, contact Joan Naake at 240-567-1951 or Email: [joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu).  
**For accommodations, please call 240-567-7767 or 240-567-6967**

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### **2017 Montgomery Serves Awards** ***Still Time to Submit Your Nomination!*** ***Deadline is February 24th***

The 2017 Montgomery Serves Awards is around the corner and we are seeking nominations (especially for the business category)! If you know a business in Montgomery County that is dedicated to volunteering/community service, please nominate them or encourage them to apply. The awards ceremony will be on April 24, 6:30pm at Imagination Stage in Bethesda. For details and nomination forms, visit <http://www.montgomeryserves.org/volunteers/montgomery-serves-awards-2017>

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### **Montgomery County's First STEM Summit** **Sunday, February 26** **Silver Spring Civic Center** **One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

**12:30 – 1:00pm** Networking and STEM Demonstrations  
**1:00pm – 4:00pm** Panels and Discussion

Build the MoCo STEM community by attending this free event for educators from pre-K to college, business leaders and employers, county leaders and service providers, industry practitioners, interested parents and students. This event will include best practices and inputs for an effective STEM engagement strategy for Montgomery County. If you have questions, please contact Jason Fasteau in Councilmember Riemer's Office, 240-777-7964 or [jason.fasteau@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:jason.fasteau@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Register at: <https://mocostemsummit.eventbrite.com> For more information, click [here](#)**

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## Public Forums on Proposed New Services and Ride On Routes Expansions

The public will have a chance to comment on a series of proposed services for Ride On routes at the following public forums, presented by Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Transit Services Division to be held on:

Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm (Connecticut Avenue Estates Community)  
Highland Elementary School  
3100 Medway Street  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902  
in the All-Purpose Room (Cafeteria)

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm (Cabin Branch/Clarksburg Communities)  
Clarksburg at Rocky Hill Middle School  
22401 Brick Haven Way  
Clarksburg, Maryland 20871

Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm (Poplar Run Community)  
Poplar Run Community Center/Clubhouse  
13500 Stargazer Lane (off Poplar Run Drive)  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

These forums will end after the last registered speaker. If the forum is cancelled due to inclement weather, a public forum will be held on March 14, 2017.

### *Proposals for Clarksburg . . .*

#### **Clarksburg Express:**

Express service from the Cabin Branch Community to Shady Grove Station via W. Old Baltimore Road. This proposed routing will also serve the community along W. Old Baltimore Road and Gateway Center Business Park.

#### **Clarksburg Restructuring:**

**Route 75** - Route 75 is proposed to be realigned to serve Snowden Farm Parkway and Little Seneca Parkway, with select trips operating to Clarksburg High School. This will eliminate the duplication of services in northern Clarksburg and better connect the most developed area of Clarksburg to Germantown and the Clarksburg Premium Outlets and fill the midday service gap. Two weekday morning trips and two weekday afternoon trips are recommended to serve Clarksburg High School.

**Route 79** - Route 79 currently provides peak-directional service between Clarksburg and the Shady Grove Metro Station via Skylark Road and Ridge Road. It is being proposed to shift the routing to Snowden Farm Parkway, New Cut Road, and Little Seneca Parkway in order to better serve the densest areas of Clarksburg. This will also provide better access to the large retail development at Clarksburg Village Center (New Cut Road and Snowden Farm Parkway). The remainder of the route will be unchanged.

#### **[VIEW THE PROPOSED ROUTING CHANGES HERE](#)**

You will have three (3) minutes to speak if you submit your request to speak in advance.

In keeping with operating procedures for service changes, Ride On conducts public forums to solicit comments from concerned parties prior to implementation when a new route is proposed.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to speak at the public forum are requested to provide in writing their name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and organization to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850 or to [mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov). Those wishing to speak must provide such information by three (3) days before the forum. Those who have signed up to speak must bring two printed copies of their testimony for the record.

Sign and non-English language translation services will be provided upon request by emailing [mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov) no later than three (3) days before the forum.

Additionally, comments on the proposed new route may be submitted in writing, by email, or by fax by March 16, 2017 to:  
Division of Transit Services  
Ride On Public Forum  
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-777-5800  
Fax 240-777-5801  
[mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Large print format or information in other languages is available upon request with five (5) business days of notice. All comments, including alternatives, will be considered before any changes are finalized.

[En Español aquí.](#)

Title VI: Montgomery County assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1987, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

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## **Applicants Sought for Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee**

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (GSGTMDAC). The deadline to apply is February 27. The GSGTMDAC advises the County government on all aspects of programs, management and finances relating to the implementation of transportation demand management in the GSGTMD and vicinity. [Read more](#) and [apply online](#).

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## **2017 Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience** *April 8 - 16*

Registration is now open for the Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience that will retrace the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights heroes. The tour is hosted by the [Montgomery County Office of Human Rights](#), in collaboration with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, the African American Employees Association, the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The tour will retrace the Freedom Trail and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro Sit-Ins, Voting Rights and other significant events of the American Civil Rights Movement. Among other numerous sites, we will visit the Lorraine Motel, Central High School, the home of Medgar Evers and Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. Travel on a state-of-the-art bus equipped with WiFi.

For registration, itinerary and information on the cost of the tour, [visit County website](#).

[Download Detailed Flyer with attached mail-in registration form.](#)

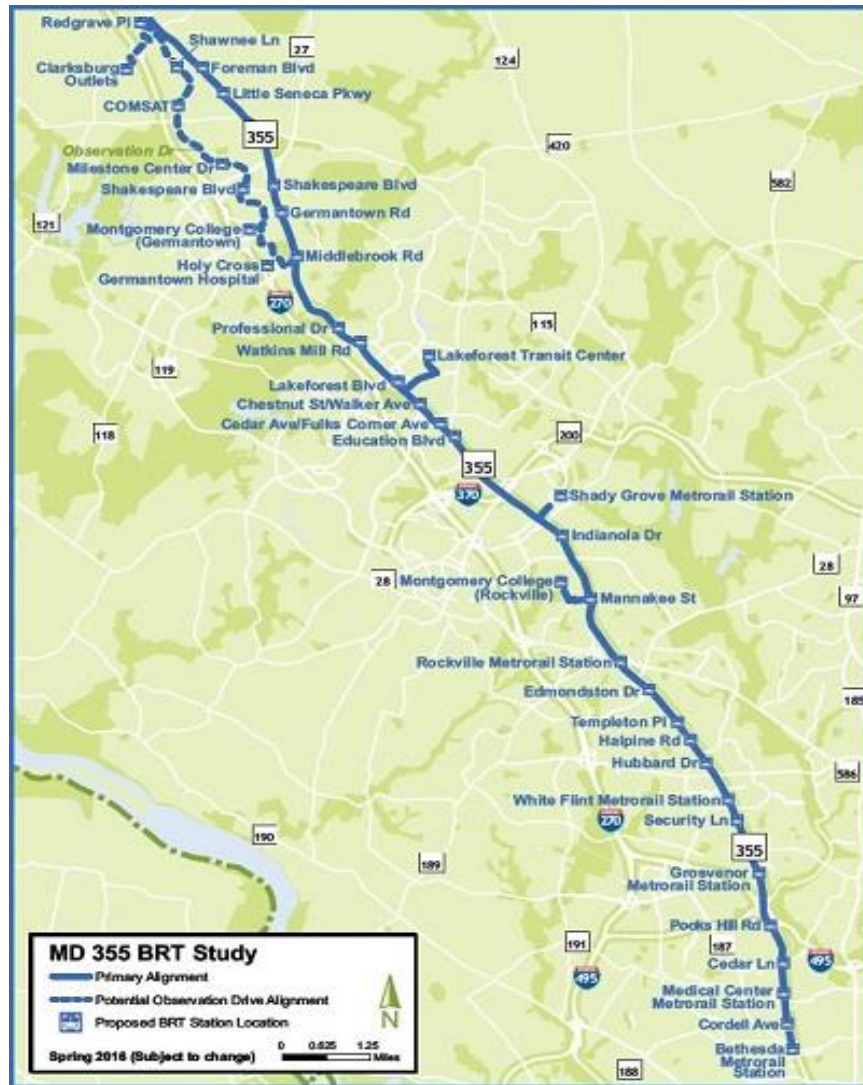
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## MCDOT to Hold Open Houses about US 29 BRT

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) invites the public to attend one of three Open Houses in March to learn more about BRT, Bus Rapid Transit, that is coming to Montgomery County. BRT is a comfortable, reliable, new transit option and US 29 will be the first corridor to have the service.

Learn more about the open houses and BRT, in general, at [GetOnBoardBRT.com](http://GetOnBoardBRT.com).

To learn more about the BRT planned for the Rt. 355 corridor, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BRT/md355project.html> (map below).



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## Call for Exhibitors and Vendors for the 3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest Scheduled for May 6th at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg

The 3rd annual Montgomery County GreenFest will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's event will be hosted by the City of Gaithersburg at the Bohrer Park and Activity Center located at 512 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg.

In 2016, the event attracted more than a thousand attendees. Exhibitor, plant and food truck vendor registration is now open. Exhibitors may be for-profit or nonprofit organizations who focus on the environment. To apply, exhibitors can go to [www.montgomerycountygreenfest.org/become-an-exhibitor](http://www.montgomerycountygreenfest.org/become-an-exhibitor). For priority consideration, prospective exhibitors/vendors should submit applications by March 1.

GreenFest, the County's largest one-day environmental celebration, is a free, family-friendly event dedicated to help County residents explore their path to a greener and economically vibrant life by connecting them with neighbors, local and national environmental leaders, and green businesses and products. In addition to the family-friendly activities and workshops, this year's event will introduce a new "Kids Pavilion" which will feature water-themed games and activities.

Next to the Kids Pavilion, families can listen to music in the park, enjoy the playground or take advantage of the opening day of the City of Gaithersburg's brand new mini-golf course, which will feature environmentally-friendly games for the whole family.

The GreenFest committee is also looking for Outreach Ambassadors to help spread the word about the event. For more information about the Ambassador program, contact [askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov).

The Montgomery County GreenFest is planned by a coalition of partners, including the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Montgomery Parks, the cities of Gaithersburg, Takoma Park and Rockville, University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County Public Schools, and four local community green groups — Bethesda Green, GreenWheaton, Poolesville Green, and Silver Spring Green.

For more information on GreenFest go to <http://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/>.

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>